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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

6:00 p.m.

City of Huntington Beach  
Civic Center – Council Chambers  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Chair Kreitz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Albert Gasparian; Dave Hubbard; Susie Jones; Jay Kreitz; Cathy McGough; Dan Moss; John Myers; Allan Pogrund; Brian Rechsteiner; Nick Tomaino

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Paul Emery; David Dominguez; Karin Reed; Mary Loadsman

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**MINUTES:**

**Moved by Tomaino, seconded by Gasparian to approve the January 12, 2011 Community Services Commission minutes.**

**Ayes:** Gasparian; Hubbard; Kreitz; McGough; Moss; Rechsteiner; Tomaino  
**Abstain:** Jones; Pogrund; Myers

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** –

Gloria Alvarez, a resident of Huntington Beach, spoke in favor of naming the park land around the Main Street Library as Triangle Park. She referred to the written communication that was provided to Commission noting historical references to “Triangle Park” dating back as far as 1912.

Barbara Haynes, a resident of Huntington Beach, noted she attended the meeting as a private citizen and grew up in Huntington Beach. She has always referred to the park

area around the Main Street Library as “Triangle Park” and is in favor of officially naming the area Triangle Park.

Diane Ryan, a resident of Huntington Beach, noted she attended the meeting as a private citizen, however, teaches a class on the History of Huntington Beach at Orange Coast College and often has walking tours that include referring to the park area around the Main Street Library as “Triangle Park”. She is in favor of preserving historical references and naming the area Triangle Park.

Susie Worthy, a resident of Huntington Beach, expressed that she understood that new parks developed in the city are named after former mayors, however, in this instance with the historical references going back as far as 1912, feels that preference to honoring the city’s historical past should be considered. She is in favor of naming the park land around the Main Street Library as Triangle Park.

**DIRECTOR’S ITEMS** – None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS -**

The Boardwalk Mixed-Use Development Public Park Master Plan – Dominguez reported that as part of the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan (BECSP) the proposed mixed-use development at the former Levitz Furniture site at the northeast corner of Edinger and Gothard is conditioned to include a .5 acre public park. He added that conditions also require that the park master plan and amenities be approved by the Community Services Commission. Dominguez noted that the Landscape Architect has worked on several other projects in the city and introduced Michael Schrock of Urban Arena to further explain the park conceptual plan and answer questions.

Schrock explained the approach for design of the park and amenities, is to bring the ocean theme into the development. Incorporated into the design is a sand volleyball court, sail-like shade structures and water features. Other amenities include a paddle ball court, outdoor seating, grass areas, a fitness course and tot-lot area with a climbing wall. The targeted demographic of the development is the young active adult interested in fitness and a healthy lifestyle. The beach theme with a recreation center, amenities and social space compliments the targeted market.

Dominguez referred to the conceptual plan defining the areas that were public space including the volleyball area, paddle ball, fitness course, tot-lot, shaded and social areas and explained the recreation center and pool area are private amenities of the development. He explained that the park was situated within the development and defined how the area was accessed from outside the development, answering questions on where the park was located in relation to Goldenwest College and Edinger Avenue. He added that way finding signage would be posted so the public was aware of the park area and how to access the area. He reported that the development was one of several developments that are planned for the Beach/Edinger Corridor area.

Schrock explained that the public park design is a significant element to ensure that public circulation would be optimized, that the general plan is to incorporate the mixed-use, live and shop lifestyle, all within walking distance. Dominguez commented that this is the first of the developments to go in that would link the re-developed area to Bella Terra.

Kreitz asked for confirmation that the project area would link pedestrian access from Goldenwest to Bella Terra and that the Commission was being asked to vote only on the .5-acre public park area and not on the private recreation amenities shown on the plan. Schrock confirmed that the design and plan would create a walkway from Goldenwest Street through the development, and link to future developments with access to Bella Terra. He also confirmed that the conceptual plan included a 1.0 acre park/recreation area with .5 acres public and .5 acres private.

Tomaino asked to identify what areas were public and if the private areas were gated access for residents. Schrock identified the areas confirming that residents would use a key pass for the private gated park area.

Tomaino asked if the park would be subject to the city's policy on park hours. Dominguez explained that it would be opened during normal park hours.

Pogrund commented that the tot-lot area did not look typical and asked how many people the area would accommodate and what the target demographic was. Schrock explained the public park area would comfortably accommodate around 25 persons. He explained the park area was designed for the 18-35 year old market, consistent with the target demographic of the overall project but, they included a tot-lot for younger children that included an outdoor theme.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Pogrund, seconded by Tomaino to approve the .5-acre Conceptual Park Master Plan and amenities as part of the Boardwalk Mixed-Use development project as presented.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Recommendation for Park Naming – Kreitz indicated that it was normal policy to move items for park naming to the Parks, Naming & Memorials Committee. Dominguez responded that since the 1.11-acre area surrounding the Main Street Library was included as part of the park inventory in the recent General Plan update, that staff would set-up a public meeting to discuss the park naming and send notices to 1,000 feet surrounding the park area as well as a public notice in the newspaper. Once the public input meeting has been conducted, the Committee would bring the item back to Commission for consideration. Commission will have an opportunity to weigh in on the recommendation and forward a recommendation to City Council, with the public having options to continue to provide input at all three meetings.

**Recommended Action:**

**Moved by Tomaino, seconded by McGough to refer the naming of the 1.11-acre parkland surrounding the Main Street Library to the Park Naming and Memorials Committee.**

Motion passed unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS –**

Sports Complex 8<sup>th</sup> Field – Dominguez reported the low-bid the city received is within budget, and the contract will go to City Council for approval on March 21, 2011. After the insurance documents have been received, staff will meet on-site with the contractor to discuss staging and construction activities. The plan is to use sod instead of hydro-stolonizing the turf, which will shorten the establishment period.

Kreitz asked if having the field on-line for the fall would be helpful. Dominguez responded that having the last field complete would not only help with the loss of the Worthy Park field, it would also be beneficial to the concessionaire in this area and help with scheduling tournament play.

Edison Park Reconfiguration – Dominguez reported the bid phase for the Edison Park Reconfiguration Phase I ended on January 11, 2011 and that the contract award is scheduled for February. The projected Phase I completion date is late May/ early June and will include three practice fields, lighting, and a small parking and drop-off area. He noted that staff is continuing to look for funding in order to implement the other phases of the approved project.

Remote Control Car Area – Dominguez reported the remote control car area by the Sports Complex has been opened to the public. Entry to the area is opened and closed daily by staff. Dominguez will keep commission apprised of any issues or concerns regarding the remote control car area.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION** – Staff distributed written comments regarding park naming received from Mayor Joe Carchio, Councilmember Joe Shaw and resident, Gloria Alvarez.

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

HCP Equestrian Center – McGough provided an update to Commission commenting that most of the meetings involve reporting day to day items from HCPEC staff to the boarders. She noted that the horse trail by Seacliff Elementary School needs to have some cement sections removed. McGough volunteered to contact the school district and keep Commission apprised of any items of interest.

Youth Sports Grant – Tomaino reported the committee met prior to the Commission meeting and reviewed each of the applications and discussed the facilities tour. He commented that the grant request amount is approximately \$119,000 from a budget of \$150,000 with the committee in agreement on the grant approvals. Tomaino noted that he is pleased the grants will be put to good use for the betterment of youth and the community. He noted the item would be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Kreitz expressed his appreciation that Council has continued to fund the Youth Sports Grant program.

### **COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS –**

Myers commented that it would be beneficial if staff would look at the background of Lake Park and the other parks that were not named after former mayors or schools when researching the park naming activities. Emery responded that staff will look at this option.

Pogrud commented that respect for the city's history should be taken into consideration for the park naming.

Rechsteiner asked to go on record that Boards & Commissions should look at forgoing the stipend to help aid with the budget crisis.

Kreitz expressed his appreciation to Paul Emery for the job he is doing and his willingness to add Interim Director of Community Services to his duties.

### **ITEMS DISTRIBUTED**

Council on Aging Newsletters, February and March 2011.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Community Services Commission regular meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez  
Secretary  
Community Services Commission

By: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary